

## Press Release

### HELEX 9M 2009 financial results

€27.9m net after tax profits

**4 November 2009** – The consolidated net after tax profits of HELEX for 9M 2009 amounted to €27.9m vs. €50.2m in 9M 2008, reduced by 44%. The consolidated **turnover** of the Group **dropped by 38%**, to **€53.1m** vs. €85.4m in 9M 2008.

**This reduction is mainly due to the drop in prices in the cash market of the Athens Exchange**, as the volume of transactions (number of shares traded) **increased by 23%** in 9M 2009 compared to the corresponding period last year. The total value of transactions in 9M 2009 amounted to €34.4bn vs. €64.7bn in 9M 2008, reduced by 47%.

In the derivatives market, in 9M 2009 the volume of transactions (number of contracts) dropped by 6% compared to 9M 2008 (40.2 thousand vs. 42.7 thousand contracts respectively).

During the second quarter of 2009, the Group also posted **non-recurring revenue** of **€1.8m** from the claim on the tax paid on the Capital Market Commission fee in fiscal year 2000.

Total **operating expenses before depreciation** amounted to **€17.1m** vs. €19.9m in the corresponding period last year, **reduced by an impressive 14%**.

The Group's EBIT in 9M 2009 amounted to €33.3m vs. €62.5m in the corresponding period last year, a 47% reduction.

The **net profits per share** in 9M 2009 amounted to **€0.43** vs. €0.71 in the nine month period last year, reduced by 39%.

HELEX's financial statements are posted on the Company's website ([www.helex.gr](http://www.helex.gr)).